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434 1949-53, in actuality public service as an occupation is
463 increasing in Bangchan.
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647 There were four home enterprisers in 1949, mostly
engaged in making cookies. As in case of the professional,
434 this activity still existed in Bangchan, but by 1953 it had
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463 degenerated into a secondary income, leaving the lone case
621 of basket making in the home enterprise category.
• 285 Only one family head was classified in 1953 as a
home-enterpriser. The family was engaged in making takraw
-- a cane utensil used in picking mangoes from the tree.
On January 27, 1953 we met A, the head of this family, who
was taking 103 takraws of various sizes to sell in Bangkok.
[435] A gave the amounts and prices of these takrawa as follows:
56 large size, @ 3.00 baht; 31 medium size, @ 2.50 baht;
16 small size, @ 2.00 baht. A said he and his wife worked
on these 103 takraws alone, and finished them in twelve
days, using 50 baht worth of materials including cane, wood,
and binders. Ordinarily, they started making takraws in
December and continued through May. They were able to make
about 3,000 baht within this period. They also made other
things like baskets, but takraws were their main source of
income. In rice growing season, they also did some piece
working. They did not operate a farm. Piece working and
basketry during rice growing season brought them a combined
income of about 2,000 baht. The amount of each kind of
621 basketry they made was not as constant as takraws. It de-
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463 pended more on which paid best. Their total annual income